



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2004

MORGAN HILL CIVIC CENTER

CITY HALL
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LIAISON

BTAC
Parks
Seniors
Arts/Downtown
YAC/Endowment
Recreation Center
Youth Sports/Rec Center

6:00 p.m.

Public Presentation of the Indoor Recreation Center Schematic Design

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORTS

A. PARKS

Deputy Director Mori Struve

Verbal:

Dog Park

- Deputy Director Struve is planning on bringing the PG&E proposal back next month.
- Dog Parks can generate revenue and can recovery costs; charging an annual fee is a possibility.

San Pedro Ponds Trails Project

- Joint project with the City and The Santa Clara County Water District.
- The opening location is located just inside the gate.
- The roads have remained the same since they began; they consist of rock and sand.
- Dogs are allowed on leashes only on the trail; owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

Community Park

- The next step in this project is to go to CEQA.
- Commissioner Jensen inquired about why the BBQ area was still interfering with the path.
- Staff will look into the exact location of the BBQ area.
- Chair Frederick would like to see the environmental document on the first two phases.

Community Park Ball-field Drainage Issue

- Staff reported that there is a ½ to 1 acre area that does not drain well.
- An area drain will not suffice and tearing up the grade would be too expensive. Mori is looking into having a vendor provide a cost estimate on slot drains filled with rocks and connected to the main drainage system.
- Chair Frederick asked about the possibility of recourse from the original contractors. Mori will look into that issue.
- Mori is working on the fencing over the dug out issue.

B. RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Manager Julie Spier

Aquatics Project Update

- Aaron Himelson was hired on January 5, 2004 as the new Aquatics Supervisor. His temporary office is located in the Villas. Aaron is a certified paramedic and pool operator. He raised the cost recovery for the Monterey Sports Center from \$25,000 to \$65,000.

Community Center and Recreation Cost Recovery Projections

- Costs are divided between various sections.
- Gavilan College will not be charged for a full year of rentals—rent began in October.
- The CCC reached 70% cost recovery last December and the Recreation Department hit 60% cost recovery in January.

California Park and Recreation Society Facility Design Award for the CCC

- Management Analyst Margarita Balagso submitted application for Library grant on January 16th. The California Park and Recreation Society awarded us an excellent rating on incorporating the community vision, design and processes. Management Analyst Balagso submitted the application that resulted in the award.
- Mayor Kennedy will attend the CPRS conference where the “best of the best” will be displayed.
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- The Library subcommittee is working to find four alternate sights for the new Library.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVE BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE BICYCLE DETECTION LOOP INSTALLATION IN THE FY 2004-05 CIP

Recommended Action: Approve Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC) recommendation to include funds in the FY 2004-05 CIP for construction of bicycle detection loops.

- The individual cost per intersection is \$5,000.
- The intersections need to be prioritized by necessity.
- Theresa Pereira suggested that the intersections with the buttons located the furthest from the curb be at the top of the prioritized list.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Kenney to approve funds used for 5 intersections a year as well as sending the list back to included level of priority. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Keulen and approved 6:0.

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2. COMMUNITY INDOOR RECREATION CENTER – PUBLIC UNVEILING

Recommended Action: Receive public comments for staff to present to City Council at their January 21, 2004 meeting.

Public Comment

- A inquire was made about whether there would be badminton in the gym. This would have to be submitted to Council for review.
- The gym will have one full court with two half courts.
- Aquatics Project is currently in the 1st phase; the cost not including land is \$12 million. The goal is 100% cost recovery.
- This is an 8 phase plan in which the Aquatics section is the first 3 phases. The last 5 are for the sports section. The total project cost in 2002 was \$42 million.
- Phase 4: Temporary Fields
- The decision whether to include the Temporary Fields in Phase 1-4 or Phase 1-8 needs to be made.
- Construction costs have risen by 6% since the year 2002.
- CYSA has until December 31, 2004 to use the fields.
- The city has owned these 35 acres for two years.
- Starting July 1, 2004 the budget will be \$2.4 million.
- Commissioner van Keulen expressed concern with spending the budgeted money on curbs and gutters for the parking lot.
- Vice-Chair Kenney suggested to grade property away from Aquatics with each phase to avoid tearing apart and redoing sections.
- There are five years left on RDA.

Public Comments

- Theresa Pereira did the fencing for San Pedro. She is willing to give the city a discount in order to meet their allotted cost.
- Manager Spier will look into whether Theresa can serve on the subcommittee and also do the job.
- Jeff Dickson from the New Millennium Athletics Club would prefer that we steer away from constructing temporary fields. He also suggested the possibility of using turf like some organizations in San Jose.
- Mike Rush from the Morgan Hill Pony Baseball is not interested in having turf for baseball fields. He recommended that homerun fences be installed and that fields not overlap. Even if there are less available fields here, he would prefer the quality to quantity.
- Chair Frederick suggested that we look into finding money to help the school district meet some of the community needs. He also suggested that School Board Liaison Khemici talk to the school board to inquire about having a representative from the school on the subcommittee.

Criteria for Committee

- One representative with one alternate (non-voting) from each of the 9 appointed organizations.

- 60% of the participants must be Morgan Hill residents in order to cast a vote.
- Those with less than 60% will be of non-voting status.
- This committee will remain open for additional groups on case-by-case bases.
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Vice Chair Kenney moved to include the nine organizations accounted for and the criteria developed for the sub-committee. Commissioner Van Keulen seconded the motion and was passed 6:0.

4. SCHEDULE ANNUAL WORKSHOP WITH COUNCIL

Recommended Action: Schedule a joint workshop with City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner Jenson to set the date for February 18 from 6-6:45pm. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Kenney and approved 6:0.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2003

Recommended Action: Approve December minutes as presented.

Motion made by Chair Frederick to pass the minutes of December 16, 2003. Motion seconded by Commissioner Van Keulen and approved 5:0. Commissioner Jensen abstained from the vote

FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS

BMX/Skate Park Design and Fund-raising: (pending)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

9:22 PM. To the Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on February 17, 2004.